**Lifting ban on employment in PSUs for General Categories**

*148. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to lift the ban on employment in all public sector undertakings for general categories;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the ban is likely to be lifted; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) No Sir, since there is no such ban currently in operation. The ban imposed in 1984 was relaxed in 1985.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Setting up of a Software Service Support and Education Centre by European Community and India**

*149. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the European Community and India have agreed to set up a Software Service Support and Education Centre to provide thrust to software exports to EC countries;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken about the location of this Centre; and

(c) whether Bangalore has been considered as a probable site because of the availability of infrastructural facilities and skilled manpower ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to set up Software Service Support and Education Centre at Bangalore.

**New projects of West Bengal pending with Government for clearance**

*150. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that over 280 applications to set up new projects in West Bengal, are pending with Government for clearance;

(b) if so, at what stage of consideration these applications are; and

(c) by when these applications are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c) No application to set up new projects in West Bengal is pending with Planning Commission for investment approval.

**राजस्थान में पाताल-तोड़ कुएं लगाए जाने का प्रस्ताव**

*151. श्री गूल चन्द मीणा :
श्री मुहम्मद इस्हाक खान :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान में विश्व बैंक की सहायता से पाताल-तोड़ कुएं खोदे जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?